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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Craig HANSEN, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5073

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For: METHOD AND SOFTWARE FOR PARTITIONED FLOATING-POINT

MULTIPLY-ADD OPERATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

In the Drawings

Please replace the second sheet containing a drawing labeled Fig 31D with the attached sheet which re-labels this second occurrence of Fig. 31D as Fig. 31E. Also, please replace Figs. 42D, 44C-D and 45D-J with the attached sheets which are believed to be electronically reproducible. No new matter has been added.